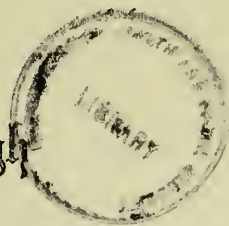


Borough of Aldeburgh



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE YEAR

1972



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M.D., D.P.H., H.F.C.M., A.K.C.

The Mayor,
Alderman and Councillors,
Borough of Aldeburgh.

Mr. Mayor,
Aldermen and Councillors,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1972.

The population of the Borough remains practically stationary. The Standardised Birth Rate (17.2) is considerably higher than the National figure of 14.8 per 1000 population. The standardised Death Rate (10.1) is less than the National figure of 12.1 per 1000 population. The excess of deaths over births during the year was 20.

It is a matter for great satisfaction that there were no stillbirths and no deaths in children under the age of one year. This reflects a very high standard of parental and medical care of the children in the Borough. It is evident that Aldeburgh is a good place in which to be born, and in which to enjoy a long life.

In the Table of Causes of Death on page 6 it will be seen that ten people died of Cancer, an increase of one over the previous year. The total deaths from Ischaemic heart disease (or Coronary Thrombosis as it is commonly known) remained steady at twelve, as did the deaths from Cerebrovascular disease (Stroke illness). No other details on this table require special comment.

Under the heading of Housing it is recorded that no new Council Houses were completed during the year, but, as is known, there is a new building programme being carried out at the present time. No old houses were found to be unfit for human habitation. A number of older properties were improved by the addition of modern amenities with the aid of grants.

I should like to express my appreciation to the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors for their support during the past year.

I am also very grateful to Engineer and Surveyor, Mr. R. Morris for his ever ready assistance and co-operation on public health matters and also on other aspects of his work. The Clerk and members of the staff of the Borough have also been most helpful.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

K. M. HARDING

Medical Officer of Health

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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

Medical Officer of Health

K. M. Harding, M.D., D.P.H.,
M.F.C.M., A.K.C.

Public Health Inspector

R. L. Morris, M.R.S.A.S.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL STATISTICS 1972

Area of Borough	2,679 acres
Rateable Value	£132,928
Product of 1p rate	£1,283
Population	2670

VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	19	11	30
Illegitimate	-	2	2
Total	<u>19</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>32</u>

Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 population	12.0
Comparability Factor	1.43
Standardised Birth Rate	17.2
Birth Rate England and Wales	14.8
Illegitimate live births as percentage of all live births.	6
Illegitimate live births as percentage of all live births for England and Wales.	9
Still birth rate	Nil
Still birth rate for England and Wales	12
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age	Nil
Infant Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births)	Nil
Infant Mortality Rate England and Wales.	17

DEATHS - All Causes

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	22	30	52
Crude death rate per 1,000 population			19.5
Comparability factor			.52
Standardised death rate			10.1
Death rate England and Wales			12.1

CAUSES OF DEATH

Code No.	Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total 1972	Total 1971
B19(1)	Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc	-	-	-	1
B19(3)	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	-	1	1	-
B19(4)	Malignant, Neoplasm, Intestine	2	1	3	4
B19(6)	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	-	-	-	2
B19(7)	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	2	2	1
B19(9)	Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	-	-	-	1
B19(10)	Leukaemia	-	1	1	-
B19(11)	Other Malignant Neoplasm	1	2	3	-
B21	Diabetes Mellitus	-	1	1	1
B46(4)	Multiple Sclerosis	1	-	1	-
B27	Hypertensive Disease	-	-	-	1
B28	Ischaemic Heart Disease	5	7	12	12
B29	Other forms of Heart Disease	1	2	3	3
B30	Cerebrovascular Disease	4	8	12	12
B46(6)	Other Diseases of Circulatory System	2	2	4	6
B32	Pneumonia	1	1	2	5
B33(1)	Bronchitis and Emphysema	1	-	1	2
B36	Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	-	-	-	1
B37	Cirrhosis of Liver	2	-	2	1
B46(8)	Other Diseases of Digestive System	1	-	1	2
B46(11)	Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	-	1	1	1
B44	Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	-	-	-	1
B46(9)	Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	-	1	1	-
BE48	All Other Accidents	1	-	1	2
		22	30	52	59

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

One case of measles was reported during the year. No cases of food poisoning were notified.

There were no new notifications of Tuberculosis during the year and one patient has recovered so that the total is now 4, 2 males and 2 females.

IMMUNISATION

The following details of immunisation carried out in the Borough were supplied by the County Medical Officer.

	<u>Primary Courses</u>	<u>Boosters</u>
Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis	19	1
Diphtheria/Tetanus	-	22
Tetanus	3	8
Poliomyelitis Salk	1	-
Poliomyelitis Sabin	25	22
Measles	20	-
Rubella	10	-

HOUSING

The following statistics relate to the year 1972:-

No. of Council Houses completed during the year	Nil
No. of Council Houses occupied at 31/3/72	179
No. of Private Houses completed during the year	7
Total number of units of accommodation within the Borough	1390
No. of Houses inspected in 1972	35
No. of unsatisfactory houses	Nil
No. rendered fit by informal action	Nil
Abatement notices served	Nil
No. of demolition orders secured	Nil
No. of Improvement Grants - Discretionary	8
No. of Improvement Grants - Standard	3

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF WATER

Sample taken from Well - Aldeburgh Water Supply
Date received 3rd May, 1972
Appearance Clear
Nature of Deposit Nil
Colour Nil
Taste Satisfactory
Reaction pH 7.3

Remarks

Both raw and treated waters are of very good organic quality and their bacteriological condition is satisfactory. The chlorion content is rather high with a correspondingly high figure for the total dissolved solids, but such results are normal with this supply. In our opinion this water is suitable for drinking and general purposes.

for Lincolne Sutton and Wood Limited

(Sgd) E. C. WOOD

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Settlement of parts of the earth banks and concrete structures of the Pasveer Ditch continued during the year. Failure of the Dutye sheeting, resulting in the "blowing up" of the lining by gas formation made it necessary to empty the ditch at the end of the year, and to discharge sewage to the "old contact beds" whilst awaiting a Consultants Report on the future of the system.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

The refuse collection system continued to function satisfactorily throughout the year. Major repairs were found to be necessary to the main bearings and shaft of the pulveriser, resulting in the plant being out of commission for some time, during which controlled tipping was carried out. It was finally decided, because of high costs not to repair the pulveriser at Thorpeness, and to enter into a contract with the Blyth Rural District Council to dispose of refuse at the new pulveriser at Yoxford.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT

No action was necessary under Section 47 of the above act, which deals with the removal to hospital of aged or disabled persons who are not receiving the necessary care and attention.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT

Premises where treatment was carried out:-

Dwellinghouses	-	150
Other Premises	-	Nil

FOOD PREMISES

Number of Food Premises by type of business

Grocers	12	Ice Cream	12
Dairies	2	Dutchers	2
Licensed Premises	17	Fried and Wet Fish	2
Bakers	1	Greengrocers	5
Sweets other than grocers	3	Cafes	3

Number of Food Premises Registered Under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Ice Cream Dealer	12	Sausage Manufacturers	2
No. of Inspections of Registered Premises			36
No. found unsatisfactory			2
No. rendered satisfactory			12

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959
Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1961

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	3	5	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	12	7	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises).	19	-	-	-
Totals	34	12	-	-

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which Prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act not including offences relating to Out-Work.	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	-	-	-	-	-

